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### THEY ARE TRAITORS

There are more ways of playing the traitor than by blowing up ammunition plants. The man in the Civil War who sold the United States defective guns which exploded in the hands of the soldiers who used them was a traitor if ever there was one.

It is reported that the Mongolia carried defective shells left over from the Spanish-American War. Those who are responsible for placing those shells are guilty of treason to the United States and the cause of democracy. They have given no small comfort to the enemy and have spread consternation in the ranks of this country.

The Allies have been complaining that the ammunition sent to them is in some cases not only of poor quality but dangerous to those who use it. This is treason of the vilest sort. It is selling this country to Germany for gold. The Allies are paying huge prices for their ammunition, and—if it were merely a matter of honest business—they are entitled to get the best.

But it is more than a matter of business. It is a matter of safeguarding democracy. Defective shells for the Allies means victory for Germany. A strict investigation should be made by the Government. More than investigation is required, however. If it should prove true that the ammunition sent to the Allies is dangerous to the gunners, then the Government should make sure that such a situation shall not arise again. The owners of the ammunition factories should be punished. Furthermore, the Government should take over and operate the factories.

A motion is made to exclude the submarine and the final examination from the pale of international law.

### NEWS VS. FICTION

A wonderful page of history, surpassing all fiction, is being written daily in blood and tears and sent to the newspaper readers of the country. It is a tragic, pathetic story, and, as Leslie's declares, the saddest since the crucifixion. The recent entrance of the United States and the Russian revolution make it the most significant movement in centuries.

No more remarkable, more heroic, more thrilling, more human stories appear between the covers of any work of fiction than those the newspapers present every day. Achievements of the present war have surpassed the imaginations of the most imaginative writers. Seven million men have been killed in less than three years, and the total casualties are about six times that figure. Later, people will wonder that such things could happen in a century of civilization and progress among Christian nations.

News has won a decision over fiction by relating a great true story, the most hopeful strain of which is that eventually the people shall rule. Newspapers are performing a great service to the world by printing the news of the onward march of world democracy.

Let us hope that the repairing of Stewart Bridge will not take so long as its condemnation.

### INTO FRANCE AND WHY

The United States has entered the war to put the world at peace. Soldiers of America hope to make possible a final settlement of the problem of giving democracy its birthright in every land and every clime. Not domineering, not aggressive for aggression itself, but progressive, representing unbearable insults, the United States takes its place among the Entente Powers aligned against the

Central Powers to assist in making the world a fit place in which to live—a fit place for the common people as well as the upper few.

In sending our troops to France, we do not go as seekers after conquest. Feeling a sincere pity and sympathy for down-trodden Belgium, a regard and love for France, a brotherly spirit for England, a hopeful interest in the welfare of Russia, a bond of unity between Japan and ourselves and a righteous desire to join an alliance of powers to crush Hohenzollernism forever from the face of the earth—America, through its President, has ordered the first expeditionary force into France to help the Haig forces break the deadly standstill that has fastened itself upon the forces since Germany's great reinforcing shift from the Russian front.

Acting under the same impulses that prompted the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany, the declaration of the existence of a state of war with Germany and the passing of the Selective Draft Service Bill, the United States is now preparing to send "as soon as practicable" troops into the line of battle in France.

The sincerity of the country in this move must never be questioned from within, without deep and careful consideration. America must resolve to stand by the orders of the Government—trying by intelligent public opinion to curb sensational nonsense—and hope for the best.

The words of greeting from President Wilson to Missouri editors, made public at the "Made-in-Japan" Banquet, were, as usual, typical of the great interest the chief executive takes in affairs throughout the country. Busy at Washington with affairs of great weight, the President found time to send a most carefully worded letter to Missouri. The appreciation of the School of Journalism and the visitors is heartfelt.

The poker player, who had been reading the papers, absently threw the kings into the discard.

This is the time of the year when every instructor is called professor by the students.

### Company F Needs 28 More Men.

Company F of the Missouri National Guard recruited yesterday John Hickam and Eggar McKenzie, both farmers. Captain E. E. Major said that he has now 122 enlisted and that he needs 28 more.

### Press Comment— Journalism Week

From the Monroe County Appeal (Paris, Mo.)

One thing we hope to accomplish this year is to influence a number of Monroe County boys to attend the University of Missouri. This is because of our interest in the welfare of our boys as well as our interest in that great institution. The youth with a definite purpose in life not only comes out of the University with an education but also with a career. Instead of being on the bottom rung of the ladder he is well on his way toward the top. A diploma of graduation from any of the engineering departments, from the journalism department, from the law, medicine, or other professional departments, means release from most of the handicaps industrious young men used to carry when they began the battle of life. This is not simply because the diploma is a University document but rather because it is a certificate of character, industry and proficiency.

The world is on the lookout for these things. It stands at the door of the University waiting for the boy who can come forth with documentary evidence that he fills the bill. And thus it happens that the job, with a good salary attached, is hunting for the boy when he leaves such a university as we have in Missouri, instead of the boy having to hunt the job. Besides, and most important of all, a University education is the most satisfactory thing in the world, even though it is never coined into dollars and dimes. The satisfaction of knowing things we otherwise would not suspect and the pleasure of introduction to worlds that otherwise would never dawn upon our horizon is sufficient compensation for our time and effort, for it makes us rich in intellect even though we remain poor in purse. Come in and let's talk it over, young man.

From the Vandalla Leader

The Leader editor spent last week in Columbia, where we had a place on the Wednesday program for Journalism Week. The entire program was crowded with interest, and valuable information not only to newspaper people but for all people with open minds. The "Made-in-Japan" Banquet was, without doubt, one of the most unique entertainments ever held in this country. Not only were the decorations for the event sent from Japan, but a man was sent along to see that no American point of view disarranged the Oriental plan. Likewise the food came from Japan. To step from the prosaic, unpoetic out-of-doors, into a bewildering fairyland of drooping vines, Japanese parasols, and lanterns, and to be met by troops of kimono-clad maids from Japan, was an experience both unique and delightful. The tables were artistic to a degree. Many dramatic move-

ments were experienced during the hours, and feeling could only be expressed in the various national airs, the audience standing while the orchestra played. Consul General Kurusu of Chicago, spoke on international relations and made plain the friendship entertained by his country for the United States. Other speakers, were the editor of a Japanese magazine published in the United States for Japanese students; Karl Walter of England, straight from the battlefields of France; Governor Gardner, President A. Ross Hill of the University; Jack Blanton, president of the Missouri Press Association. A cablegram from the Japanese Imperial Government was read, and telegrams from President Wilson, Speaker Clark and many others. Dean Walter Williams was toastmaster. Baskets of gifts from Japan were presented each guest, and contained beautiful fans, curios, and a much-prized Buddha. There were five hundred guests seated at the tables. Dean Williams and the School of Journalism are to be congratulated upon the great success of the "Made-in-Japan" Banquet.

From the Fayette Advertiser

The "Made-in-Japan" Banquet, constructed to promote a greater friendly understanding between Japan and the United States closed the eighth and most successful Journalism Week of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri at Columbia last Friday. The banquet was the first of its kind ever given in the United States and was filled with surprises. Each one of the guests received a basket of Japanese products valued at more than \$15 each in American currency.

Karl Walter of London spoke on the British view of the present international situation. Japan—the country which made possible the giving of the banquet—was represented by the Japanese consul-general to the United States, Saburo Kurusu of Chicago, and he is an eloquent orator.

From the Central Missouri Republican (Boonville):

The "Made-in-Japan" Banquet, given by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri is one of the few steps taken to smooth over the effect of the yellow journalism attacks

upon Japan and her relations with the United States. So far reaching has been the anti-Japan propaganda in this country that fully 50 per cent of the people in the United States believe that some day we are going to have to fight Japan; yet not more than 5 per cent of these can give any other reason for basing their belief other than they have heard that the Japanese are schemers and cannot be trusted. It is certain that if we continue this talk and continue to believe that we will fight Japan, that there is a big chance of us coming into a relationship with them that may lead to war. The publicity the banquet was given in Japan will certainly have some effect there in offsetting the fear that the whole of the United States is bent upon making war on our Island Neighbors across the sea.

### STATE STRAWBERRY CROP SHORT

Higher Prices, However, Will Boost Returns to Nearly 2 Million.

JEFFERSON CITY, May 26.—Information furnished by the Missouri railroads to the Bureau of Labor Statistics is to the effect that the state's 1917 strawberry crop now being marketed will total 12,844,000 quarts as com-

pared to shipments and sales in 1916 amounting to 15,300,000 quarts, announces advance information from the 1917 Red Book given publicity today by Commissioner William H. Lewis.

At 15 cents a quart the 1917 crop will bring to the horticultural districts a total of \$1,926,020, as compared to receipts amounting to \$1,836,000 a year ago, figured at twelve cents a quart.

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